

INTRODUCTION.



HAVE just finished reading the *manuscript* copy of a modest little work, soon to issue from the press in Canada, entitled "*True Anecdotes of Pet Animals*," from the facile pen of a young lady (a Canadian by birth), Miss J. Flora Maclean.

The simple yet touching style in which different phases of individual character are portrayed therein, and scenes from family life recalled, invests the story from beginning to end with an irresistible charm.

Eminently healthful in its moral tone, tastefully illustrated, and happily free from the too common defect of *unnaturalness*, this unpretending volume will, I am persuaded, meet with a very cordial reception from the "Boys and Girls of Canada," for whose special benefit it has been brought to light.